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In re Patent Application of)
Lionel BRETON et al) Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 09/888,015) Examiner: T. Ware
Filed: June 25, 2001)
For: USE OF CINNAMIC ACID OR OF AT)
LEAST ONE OF ITS DERIVATIVES IN A)
COSMETIC COMPOSITION)

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed August 29, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 42-51, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace Claims 27-41, and add new Claims 52-61, as follows.

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27. (amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming of the skin which comprises an amount of cinnamic acid, a derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, or mixtures thereof, effective to provide for firming of the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.